



Buildings for Babies Ranch Family Retreat Rules!



If this is your first retreat we ask that you bear with us as we work on establishing a few rules and guidelines for everyone to get the most safety and enjoyment from your stay. Since the November camp is during hunting season there are a few extra precautions and rules that you will need to be aware of.

Meal times: If we provide community meals they will be served in the cafeteria in the brown house basement cafeteria.

Breakfast: will be served around 8 AM. If you will be hunting at sunrise and would like to grab a snack or fix yourself something before going to the woods, please take the time to clean up after yourself.

Lunch: is usually served around 12:30.

Dinner: is usually served around 6:30 and may often be done with a community type of buffet.

Attire: Conservative, modest clothing. We suggest that the ladies be in long skirts or dresses unless your in the dirt or a deer stand.☺ Please avoid tight fitted clothing and or shorts or cutoffs. Also, please refrain from wearing sleepwear outside your dorm/bunk room. Also please keep in mind that it is November and may be chilly.

Lights Out: We usually request that everyone is starting to quiet down and in there rooms by 10 PM unless we have a movie night. Please feel free to read or have quiet discussions as late as you like, but remember that we have lots of babies, young and old people who need their sleep.

Bible Study: It is a tradition that everyone participates in a wisdom search (Psalms & Proverbs) each day at 7 AM. During hunting season, when the men are out hunting before daylight, we usually have the Bible study at 7:30 pm or after dinner in the living room of the brown house.

Hiking: the ranch has great hiking and over 2200 acres to explore. During hunting season, we ask that hiking is done during the off hunting hours. (11am-3pm)

Swimming: There are several areas along the river and a wonderful spring, which are great for swimming. During the November hunting season, the river water is pretty cold and you should only swim during the off hunting hours. The ponds are not great for swimming and we ask that you do not swim in them and PLEASE keep an eye on your younger children to make sure that they do not wonder off to the water.

ATV's: Unfortunately, we do not have insurance coverage that covers your injuries on the ranch or on an ATV. The ATV's are strictly limited to use for retrieving downed animals from hunting or while on an authorized and guided tour of the ranch, except for pre-arranged ATV trail rides, with a camp director in attendance. Please do not use ATV's without a camp director in attendance, and observe all rules and watch for small children walking, climbing or attempting to use an ATV.

Fishing: The ponds and rivers both have great fishing. If you did not bring a fishing pole and would like to fish, we have limited rods and reels that you may borrow. Please make sure that you return them in the same condition (or better) than you borrowed it. You do not need a fishing license to fish in the pond or from the river bank as long as you are on Buildings for Babies ranch property AND are not catching trout from the river. The ponds usually do great with worms and grasshoppers or other live bait and some spinners are great for the small mouth bass.

Hunting: As a Christian Family Retreat it is even more important that we abide by all State and Federal hunting laws. For the best safety of all parties there are several additional rules during hunting season as well as for the hunters. These rules are not optional and we request that you **please abide by all rules.**

Absolutely No loaded guns with in the houses or the fenced areas near either house!
NO hunting from vehicles or on foot from the gravel roads near the ranch houses.
AM hunting is from 1 hour before daylight (currently 5 AM) to 11 AM.
PM hunting is 3 hours before dark (currently 2:30 – 5:30 PM)

Deer hunting areas: the entire ranch has lots of deer and many deer stands and great hunting hills. For the safety of all hunters, the ranch is divided into 3 hunting areas; North, South and Middle woods. You will be given a map that assigns you to a section. **Please be aware of ALL property lines and do not cross or hunt in ANY area that you are not assigned to.**

Deer Tags: It is your responsibility to know and abide by all State and Federal laws for hunting deer and Turkey. There are 3 different seasons during the November camp. Please see your DOW handbook. If you purchased an out of state tag, it can be used for either sex. However, you must have an out of state tag to fill a \$7.00 non-antler tag. The state of MO will fine a minimum of \$360.00 to any party that is caught taking a deer or turkey without the proper tags. Many offenders are caught by transporting an animal or by filling a tag that was not authorized by the person who purchased the tag. In many of these cases the fine simply shows up in the mail.

Deer bag limits: The state of MO allows for any hunter who purchases an out of state either sex tag, (\$175) to purchase unlimited doe tags at \$7.00 each. However, in order to maintain our deer population on the ranch, Buildings for Babies Ranch request that each hunter with the either sex tag use the either sex “buck” tag to take his buck and only one doe with a non-antler tag. **This means only 2 deer per person, up to a total of 4 per family.** A young or inexperienced hunter, who is hunting with a licensed and hunter safety certified hunter, may use one of the licensed hunters, tags to take one of his animals. (The tag must be filled out in the licensed hunter's name) Our desire is to give the young and inexperienced hunters the opportunity to learn to hunt and to take a doe.

Small game: Squirrel, quail, rabbits and other small game can be taken from the designated areas. However, no quail or other hunting is allowed **within site** of the houses.

Turkey season: may be the last few days of the camp and is usually for Bow hunting only. Please see the DOW book for exact dates and weapons allowed.

Locking Gates: Buildings for Babies Ranch uses the pastures for grazing the cows and calf's. Please make sure to lock any gates that are closed when you open them and **do not fire at any game near the cattle.**

I have read and agree to comply with the above rules and regulations laid out by the Buildings for Babies Ranch.

Parent Signature

Date